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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

COVID-19 and the War on Cash

By John Whitehead

"The fact is that the government, like a highwayman, says to a man: Your money, or your life. And many, if not most, taxes are paid under the compulsion of that threat. The government does not, indeed, waylay a man in a lonely place, spring upon him from the road side, and, holding a pistol to his head, proceed to rifle his pockets. But the robbery is none the less a robbery on that account; and it is far more dastardly and shameful."—Lysander Spooner, American abolitionist and legal theorist

As these COVID-19 lockdowns drag out, the government and its corporate partners-in-crime have been waging a subtle war on cash.

It's a concerted campaign to shift consumers towards a digital mode of commerce that can easily be monitored, tracked, tabulated, mined for data, hacked, hijacked and confiscated when convenient.

According to economist Steve Forbes, "The real reason for this war on cash—start with the big bills and then work your way down—is an ugly power grab by Big Government.... Electronic commerce makes it easier for Big Brother to see what we're doing, thereby making it simpler to bar activities it doesn't like, such as purchasing salt, sugar, big bottles of soda and Big Macs."

Digital currency provides the government and its corporate partners with the ultimate method to track, control you and punish you.

The rationale (by police) is that cash is the currency for illegal transactions given that it's harder to track, can be used to pay illegal immigrants, and denies the government

its share of the "take," so doing away with paper money will help law enforcement fight crime and help the government realize more revenue.

The campaign to do away with cash is really not a hard sell, if you belong to the growing class of Americans who use their cell phones to pay bills, purchase goods, and transfer funds.

In much the same way that Americans have opted into government surveillance through the convenience of GPS devices and cell phones, digital cash—paying by debit card, credit card or cell phone—is becoming the de facto commerce of the American police state.

A growing number of businesses are adopting no-cash policies, including certain airlines, hotels, rental car companies, restaurants and retail stores.

It's now possible to reimburse people using digital apps such as Venmo. Thus, there's no longer a need for cash.

It's not just cash that is going digital, either.

States are looking to adopt digital driver's licenses that would reside on your mobile phone. These licenses would include all of the information contained on your printed license, along with a few "extras" such as real-time data downloaded directly from your state's Department of Motor Vehicles.

Of course, reading between the lines, having a digital driver's license will open you up to much the same jeopardy as digital cash: it will make it possible for the government to better track you, monitor your activities and communications and ultimately shut you down.

It will be easy for government agents to manipulate digital wallets. For example, civil asset forfeiture is

becoming even more profitable for police agencies thanks to ERAD (Electronic Recovery and Access to Data) devices that allow police to not only determine the balance of any magnetic-stripe card (i.e., debit, credit and gift cards) but also freeze and seize any funds on pre-paid money cards. In fact, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that it does not violate the Fourth Amendment for police to scan or swipe your credit card.

As commentator Paul Craig Roberts observed, the war on cash is about giving the government the ultimate control of the economy and complete access to the citizenry's pocketbook.

But also, the government has been repeatedly hacked. In 2015, the Office of Personnel Management had more than 20 million personnel files stolen, everything from Social Security numbers to birth dates and fingerprint records. In 2014, it was the White House, the State Department, the Post Office, along with a host of financial institutions, retailers and entertainment giants. And these are the people in charge of protecting our sensitive information?

Finally, short of returning to a pre-technological, Luddite age, there's really no way to pull this horse back now that it's left the gate. While doing so is near impossible, it would also mean doing without the many conveniences and advantages that are the better angels, if you will, of technology's totalitarian tendencies.

To our detriment, we have virtually no control over who accesses our private information, how it is stored, or how it is used. We have been reduced to a pitiful, unenviable position in which we can only hope and trust that those in

power will treat our information with respect.

Clearly, as I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, we have come full circle, back to a pre-revolutionary era of taxation without any real representation.

-- www.rutherford.org April 14, 2020

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Deadliest Virus in the World: Communism

New video at Red Pill University

This video squeezes into just 8 minutes how Communists around the world (1) have used violent conflict, based on identity politics, to overthrow governments, (2) how this has led to economic chaos and the murder of tens of millions of people, and (3) how this same tactic is being used today in America. *Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!*

Alert! Our videos were disabled last month by Vimeo because of our skeptical view of the pandemic. We quickly found a way to re-activate them without Vimeo or YouTube, but this requires uploading many video files, and the process is slow. Meanwhile, if you see "Sorry, this video does not exist", click on "Source" below the video and you likely will find what you seek.

<https://redpilluniversity.org>

Dear truth seekers, Red Pill University finally has reached the point where I feel comfortable shouting out to the world about it. An announcement like this is sent whenever a video is added to the university archives. Red Pill University is a long-standing dream of mine to create the world's largest repository for eternal knowledge of this kind. I hope you find it to your liking. If so, please tell your friends about it by forwarding this message to them. They will thank you - and so will I.

-- G. Edward Griffin 2020 July 17

University professor investigated over 'black privilege' tweet

A professor at the University of Central Florida is being investigated by the school after tweeting comments widely condemned as racist.

Professor Charles Negy is a tenured associate professor of psychology at UCF, and a frequent commentator. In a tweet Wednesday he sparked criticism and a #UCFFireHim hashtag for a tweet on "black privilege".

Negy tweeted: "Black privilege is real: Besides affirm. Action [sic], special scholarships and other set asides, being shielded from legitimate criticism is a privilege. But as a group, they're missing out on much needed feedback."

It comes as the US has been rocked by mass anti-racism protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis in May, the police killing of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky in March, the recent killing of jogger Ahmaud Arbery by white vigilantes in Georgia, and many others.

Negy's tweet linked to a story by an American commentator Steve Sailer. The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate speech, describes Sailer as an "extremist" who promotes crude racial stereotypes and is the founder of a "neo-eugenic online discussion forum".

Negy is the author of *White Shaming: Bullying Based on Prejudice Virtue-signaling and Ignorance*, which, according to a synopsis, argues white people are shamed for America's history of systemic racism, and that this is a form of bullying. "The bullying reflects shamers' unacknowledged hostility and prejudice toward Whites," the synopsis reads, "as well as shamers' need to feel morally superior (aka virtue-signaling) and their ignorance of world history and other cultures."

Negy was the subject of discussion inside higher education circles in 2012, when he scolded students for arguing in favor of Christian supremacy. He said the arguments came from "typically ... first-generation college students" who did not understand or "appreciate the purpose of a university".

The University of Florida wrote in a tweet: "Being actively anti-racist means calling out and confronting racist comments. We are aware of Charles Negy's recent personal Twitter posts, which are completely counter to UCF's values. We are reviewing this matter further while being mindful of the first amendment."

-- theguardian.com June 5, 2020

Review: *White Shaming: Bullying Based on Prejudice, Virtue-signaling and Ignorance* by Charles Negy

In a country that proclaims to value diversity and multiculturalism, white Americans and white culture frequently are under siege for a host of transgressions, ranging from colonialism to slavery, Jim Crow laws to racism, and from microaggressions to

white privilege. Whites often are expected to "shut up," own their presumed racism, and feel guilty for the wrongdoings of others who simply belonged to their racial group. The author calls these attacks "White shaming," and using contemporary examples, argues that White shaming is a form of bullying. The bullying reflects shamers' unacknowledged hostility and prejudice toward Whites, as well as shamers' need to feel morally superior (aka: virtue-signaling) and their ignorance of world history and other cultures. The author is a professor of psychology who has studied myriad topics related to race/ethnicity and inter-ethnic relations for over 30 years. In *White Shaming*, he takes on university professors, media pundits, and politicians by scrutinizing cases of White shaming. He argues that White shaming does little to unite a diverse country and instead, inflames racial animosity, foments racial distrust, and pits non-Whites against Whites amid a never-ending list of grievances. Readers will appreciate the author's relatively objective and scholarly treatment of the subject and most importantly, his exposé of the hypocrisy of White shaming. He delineates ways to confront and combat White shaming with an eye toward improving race relations and restoring civility and respect in public discourse on matters of race, diversity and social justice.-- Amazon book blurb, as of June 5, 2020. Note from Amazon: "Currently unavailable. We don't know when or if this item will be back in stock."

'Into the Wild' bus removed from Alaska wilderness

An abandoned bus in Alaska featured in the film *Into The Wild* has been removed.

A US army Chinook helicopter lifted it from a trail outside Denali National Park.

In 1992 the bus was inhabited by 24-year-old adventurer Chris McCandless, who eventually died of starvation.

His story was told by Jon Krakauer in the 1996 book *Into The Wild*. In 2007 the book was adapted into a film directed by Sean Penn.

The bus was deep in central Alaska, 30 miles (50km) from the nearest town. To reach it, visitors had to cross the Teklanika River.

Last year a newlywed woman from Belarus drowned trying to cross the swollen river. The other drowning took place in 2010.

In April a stranded Brazilian had to be evacuated and in February five Italians were rescued, with one suffering severe frostbite.

The state carried out 15 bus-related search and rescue operations between 2009 and 2017, authorities say.

Denali Borough Mayor Clay Walker told Reuters the 1940s bus was brought to the remote trail about 60 years ago by a road crew.

It is not clear what will now happen to the bus. Alaskan authorities said it would be kept in a "secure location" until a decision is made.

-- Reuters June 19, 2020

Law Firms Seek Declaratory Judgment That NJ's Carry Permit Scheme Violates Full Faith & Credit Clause

EATONTOWN, NJ — The U.S. Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause (Article IV, Section 1) requires that states respect the "public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state." Yet, New Jersey refuses to recognize any other state's licenses to carry a handgun.

Charles McDowell of Georgia and Thomas Muller of Delaware possess judicial court Orders granting them licenses to carry weapons. Their Orders were issued by judges in judicial proceedings by state courts, just as New Jersey's licenses to carry are also issued by judges.

Based on the above, the law firms of Evan F. Nappen Attorney at Law, and Giaramita Law Offices, have brought a Civil Rights Action in the U.S. District Court, New Jersey, on behalf of McDowell and Muller against NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal and every NJ County Prosecutor.

Plaintiffs seek a declaratory judgment that McDowell's and Muller's judicial Orders granting license to carry weapons be honored in New Jersey pursuant to Full Faith and Credit.

"This case is the first step in gaining reciprocity by making New Jersey's handgun permit system more reasonable and in step with the overwhelming majority of States in the US," said Evan F. Nappen, Esq. "This case potentially breaks New Jersey's stranglehold on permits to carry a handgun by opening the door for good people to carry again in New Jersey."

A GoFundMe for this case has been set up at [gofundme.com/mcdowell-v-grewal-legal-fund/](https://www.gofundme.com/mcdowell-v-grewal-legal-fund/)

-- ammoland Posted January 15, 2020 by Evan Nappan

Donald Trump Is Now 'America's No. 1 Traitor,' Says Veteran's Group

Donald Trump has taken over from Benedict Arnold as "America's number one traitor," according to a group of veterans seeking to vote the president out of office this November.

"No one has betrayed those in uniform like Donald Trump," said the voiceover in the latest ad released by the VoteVets organization on Friday.

The 65-second spot references Trump's siding with Russia's President Vladimir Putin over U.S. intelligence on Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election and his dismissal of reports that U.S. officials knew Russia allegedly paid Taliban members to kill American troops.

"This July Fourth, Benedict Arnold can step aside, because Benedict Donald is America's number one traitor," the voiceover concluded.
-- www.huffpost.com July 4, 2020

Demand increasing for ghost guns, ATF Says

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — As gun demand hits record levels due to COVID-19, demand is also increasing for a new type of gun you build at home. It is untraceable no serial number, no background check and no waiting period.

They are called ghost guns. Please note that a gun is no longer a ghost gun when a serial number is engraved in the gun. The number makes the gun traceable.

A ghost gun cannot legally be sold without a serial number.

As part of WAVY's investigation, we called local police. They don't see a growing trend with ghost guns, but the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is seeing them pop up at crime scenes.

There have been widespread ghost gun cases reported in New York, where a ghost gun was used by a man to shoot his 6-year-old nephew.

In Indiana, two brothers were indicted on charges related to making 55 fully automatic ghost guns for ISIS.

In 2017 in California Kevin Neal who was prohibited from owning a gun, assembled two assault-style ghost guns from parts he ordered online and killed five people and injured 12 before killing himself.

Here in Virginia, local police contacted by WAVY have no knowledge of any ghost gun trends.

We did find Matt, who didn't not want to be further identified who buys the makings of ghost guns online, and then constructs them at his home. However, he will put a serial number on the gun, which will then make it traceable and not a ghost gun.

He can legally construct them because he is not getting the entire firearm as defined by the ATF.

When you construct a ghost gun you purchase what is known as an 80% lower receiver, which is the basic lower frame of what will become a firearm. It only becomes a ghost gun when you add the remaining 20% which you have to do on your own.

The lower frame Matt says, "currently lacks the fire control pocket, the pinholes, and the selector hole ... you must also add an upper receiver that includes the barrel and the bolt carrier group."

Matt uses what is called a **Ghost Gunner**, which is a manufacturing concern managed by Defense Distributed based in Austin, Texas. Ghost Gunner is the company, Ghost Gunner 3 is the product.

The Ghost Gunner mills the cavities in the lower receiver.

"Here we have an AR-15 ... we have a magazine ... it has a fire control group pocket milled out and it has the trigger and hammer selector holes milled out ... at this point it meets the ATF definition of a firearm ... this is a completed AR-15 lower with fire control group installed," Matt said.

10 On Your Side met with ATF law enforcement outside the Federal Building in Norfolk.

"I can tell you we are seeing more privately made firearms recovered at crimes in the last 2 to 3 years," says Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jamey VanVliet. He would not give specific statistics, but says imaging technology ties ghost guns to other crimes.

"We need to make sure this new scourge of untraceable firearm is stopped," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CN), who is trying to push through Congress the Untraceable Firearms Act.

The states currently regulating Ghost Guns are Connecticut, California, New Jersey, New York.

Virginia is not a state associated with ghost gun legislation.

Gun rights activist and the leader of The Virginia Citizens Defense League, Philip Van Cleave: "The other side is trying to make it sound like it's something new and that is something dangerous. That it is a

loophole ... these ghost guns ... that's a bunch of baloney, all of it."

Van Cleave says people have made guns at home since the founding of America,

"If a criminal wants a gun, he can get one without a background check. All they have to do is send in someone else to buy the gun, to get the background check, and then the criminal gets his gun."

Senator Blumenthal counters: "a hobbyist may like to have a ghost gun, but a legitimate lawful gun owner should have no objection to having a serial number on a gun."

Adam Skaggs is with the Giffords Law Center.

"Someone with an extensive criminal background who would not be able to pass a background check can simply go online, or go to a gun store, or go to a gun show and acquire these kits."

Skaggs continues, "we see criminal enterprises, vast networks that are building these things turning them out, and selling them to networks of people who cannot buy or own guns."

Matt explained it this way, "Ultimately, I do not create any 'ghost guns' as I serialize all of mine, but during that period of time between milling and engraving the serial number they do exist as a ghost gun."

Matt is a licensed firearms manufacturer and produces about 12 guns a year.

"I am able to finish them out, serialize them, and sell them following a background check to make sure the buyer is legally allowed to own a firearm." -- www.wavy.com July 2, 2020

Supreme Court Rules State 'Faithless Elector' Laws Constitutional

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday unanimously upheld state laws that remove or fine Electoral College delegates who refuse to cast their votes for the presidential candidate they were pledged to support.

The question before the Supreme Court was whether the states have the power to remove, fine or, for that matter in some states, imprison electors who do not vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidates they are pledged to support.

"The Constitution's text and the nation's history both support allowing a state to enforce an elector's pledge to support his party's nominee — and the state voters' choice — for President," Justice Elena Kagan wrote

for the court. Laws that remove or penalize delegates reflect "a longstanding tradition in which electors are not free agents; they are to vote for the candidate whom the State's voters have chosen."

Although many Americans think that they elect the president and vice president, in fact, it is the Electoral College, an arcane intermediary mechanism dreamed up by the Founders, that formally determines who wins the election.

Monday's decision brought a sigh of relief from election experts, who worried that if Electoral College delegates were free to vote as they chose, the 2020 election would have turned into a free-for-all, with no rules to prevent corruption and manipulation, with delegates offered gifts and even cash for their votes, and blackmail also a possibility.

Flawed as the Electoral College system may be the justices expressed concern about tinkering with laws that bind the delegates to vote for the popular vote winner in their states.

Thirty-two states have some sort of "faithless elector" law. Although Maine has no such law, the secretary of state has said it has determined a faithless elector can be removed.

In all, there have been four times in U.S. history that the winner of the popular vote lost in the Electoral College. The first two were in the 1800s, the others in the election of GHW Bush and Donald Trump.

But the fact that the last two occurred in just the past 20 years has provoked various suggestions for reform, including getting rid of the Electoral College altogether. With the country as polarized as it is, though, none of the suggestions requiring a constitutional amendment have any traction.

Challenging those laws were four 2016 Democratic delegates pledged to support Clinton, among them Michael Baca in Colorado and three in Washington.

Baca was removed on the spot under Colorado's "faithless elector" law, and the Washington delegates were fined \$1,000 each. -- www.npr.org July 6, 2020

U.S. soldier dies in non-combat-related incident in Kosovo

The Pentagon announced Monday the death of a National Guardsman in Kosovo.

Pfc. Alexander Blake Klass, 20, died as the result of a non-combat-related incident at Camp Novo Selo.

The native of Willamina, Ore., was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon National Guard.

The DoD said Klass died while supporting Operation Joint Guardian, which is also known as Kosovo Force, the NATO-led peacekeeping mission that launched in June 1999 to maintain peace and stability in the region. -- July 6, 2020 (UPI)

Ed.: Why are American National Guardsmen still serving in the Balkans (and why are U.S. soldiers stationed in dozens of other foreign countries)? Didn't our current president promise to bring them home?

Black Lives Matter: 'We are trained Marxists'

By Soeren Kern

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center found that more than two-thirds of Americans support the Black Lives Matter movement. The high level of backing raises the question of how much the public knows about BLM.

On the surface, BLM presents itself as a grassroots movement dedicated to the noble tasks of fighting racism and police brutality. A deeper dive shows that BLM is a Marxist revolutionary movement aimed at transforming the U.S. — and the entire world — into a communist dystopia.

Black Lives Matter began in July 2013, when George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch coordinator of Hispanic-German descent, was acquitted of homicide in the 2012 fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, a black 17-year-old in Florida.

Alicia Garza, a black woman from Oakland, CA, posted to Facebook what she described as a "love letter to black folks." She wrote: "I continue to be surprised at how little black lives matter." Patrisse Cullors, a black woman from Los Angeles put Garza's Facebook post on Twitter, with the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter. After seeing the hashtag, Opal Tometi, a first-generation Nigerian American woman from Phoenix, AZ, partnered with Garza and Cullors. Tometi purchased the domain name and built BLM's digital platform.

The hashtag #BlackLivesMatter gained national attention in 2014, after the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO, by a white police officer.

By 2018, the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter had been tweeted over 30 million times.

BLM has nearly 40 chapters and thousands of activists in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. What began as an effort to seek justice for black people has become far more radical.

BLM's worldview is based on a mix of far-left [neo-Marxist] theoretical frameworks, including critical race theory and intersectional theory. Critical race theory posits that racism is *systemic*, based on a *system* of white supremacy and therefore a *permanent* feature of American life. Intersectional theory asserts that people are often disadvantaged by multiple sources of oppression: their race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and other identity markers.

BLM and other purveyors of critical race theory and intersectional theory reject individual accountability for behavior, criminal or otherwise, because, according to them, blacks are *systemic* and *permanent* victims of racism. Such racism, according to BLM, can only be defeated by completely dismantling the American economic, political and social system and rebuilding it from scratch — according to Marxist principles.

Black Lives Matter seeks to: 1) abolish the Judeo-Christian concept of the traditional nuclear family, the basic social unit in America; 2) abolish the police and dismantle the prison system; 3) mainstream transgenderism and delegitimize so-called heteronormativity (the belief that heterosexuality is the norm); and 4) abolish capitalism (a free economy) and replace it with communism (a government-controlled economy).

More than three in four Americans, including most whites and blacks, agreed that real progress has been made in getting rid of racial discrimination. Scholars have noted that BLM's inability to produce solid empirical evidence of systemic racism explains why its leaders continue to "broaden and deepen" the indictment to include the entire American social and political order.

BLM in its Own Words

"We actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia [Garza] in particular, we're trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super versed on ideological theories." — BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors, July 22, 2015.

"If this country doesn't give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it. All right? And I could be speaking figuratively. I could

be speaking literally. It's a matter of interpretation.... I just want black liberation and black sovereignty, by any means necessary." — BLM activist Hank Newsome, June 25, 2020.

"There's no such thing as 'blue lives.' There is no hue of a blue life. Being a police officer is an occupation. It's a job. 'All lives matter' — it's like saying the sky is blue. I haven't heard how police are on the right side of history." — BLM co-founder Alicia Garza, ktvu.com, March 30, 2018.

"It's hundreds of years of generational oppression and trauma and infrastructural racism that impacts our bodies and makes our bodies more vulnerable to something like a COVID-19." — BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors, *Hollywood Reporter*, June 2, 2020.

"'All Lives Matter,' is little more than a racist dog whistle that attempts to both delegitimize centuries of claims of global anti-Black oppression and position those who exhibit tremendous pride in their Blackness as enemies of the state. Well, we are enemies of any racist, sexist, classist, xenophobic state that sanctions brutality and murder against marginalized people who deserve to live as free people." — Feminista Jones, BLM activist.

"Yes, I think the statues of the white European they claim is Jesus should also come down. They are a form of white supremacy. Always have been. In the Bible, when the family of Jesus wanted to hide, and blend in, guess where they went? EGYPT! Not Denmark. Tear them down." — BLM leader Shaun King, June 22, 2020.
-- gatestoneinstitute.org July 2, 2020

Gun-Control Group Behind \$4 Million Election Push Takes Coronavirus Relief

One of the country's leading gun-control groups took a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan worth up to \$1 million.

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence received between \$350,000 and \$1 million on April 10 to support 41 employees, according to the Small Business Administration.

Liam Sullivan, a spokesman for the Brady Center, defended the loans, saying that the pandemic had affected the organization's funding and caused it to cancel major fundraising events.

Other gun-control advocates have benefited from the PPP program. The Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence accepted a loan worth between \$150,000 and \$350,000 on

April 28 in order to meet payroll for 16 employees.

"This is the year we will elect a gun safety majority in the Senate," former congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, cofounder of the group, said.

A *Free Beacon* review of the SBA records did not find listings for PPP loans given to gun-rights groups, though the disclosures only include loans of more than \$150,000. The National Rifle Association, which has had to lay off a significant number of staff members, confirmed that none of its arms had taken any PPP loans. Alan Gottlieb said no part of his organization took PPP loans.

"As chairman of the Citizens' Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation, since one of the arms is political, I would not have applied for it. I don't think it's appropriate."

Gottlieb called on the gun-control groups to return the money they received from the program. -- freebeacon.com July 10, 2020

Review: *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* by John W. Whitehead (Forward by Ron Paul)

Police forces across the United States have been transformed into extensions of the military. Our towns - and cities have become battlefields, and we the American people are now the enemy combatants to be spied on, tracked, frisked, and searched. For those who resist, the consequences can be a one-way trip to jail, or even death. *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* is constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead's terrifying portrait of a nation at war with itself. In exchange for safe schools and lower crime rates, we have opened the doors to militarized police, zero tolerance policies in schools, and SWAT team raids. The insidious shift was so subtle that most of us had no idea it was happening. This follow-up to Whitehead's award-winning *A Government of Wolves*, is a brutal critique of an America on the verge of destroying the very freedoms that define it. Hands up!—the police state has arrived. – Amazon book blurb; book published 2015

Tyranny Without a Tyrant: The Deep State's Divide-and-Conquer Strategy is Working

By John W. Whitehead

"In a fully developed bureaucracy there is nobody left with whom one can argue, to whom one can present grievances, on whom the pressures of power can be exerted. Bureaucracy is the form of government in which everybody is deprived of political freedom, of the power to act; for the rule by Nobody is not no-rule, and where all are equally powerless, we have a tyranny without a tyrant." — Hannah Arendt, *On Violence*

What exactly is going on?

Is this revolution? Is this anarchy? Is this a spectacle engineered to distract us from the machinations of the police state? Is this a sociological means of re-setting our national equilibrium? Is this a Machiavellian scheme designed to further polarize the populace and undermine our efforts to stand unified against government tyranny? Is this so-called populist uprising actually a manufactured race war and election-year referendum on who should occupy the White House?

Whatever it is, this—the racial hypersensitivity without racial justice, the kowtowing to politically correct bullies with no regard for anyone else's free speech rights, the violent blowback after years of government-sanctioned brutality, the mob mindset that is overwhelming the rights of the individual, the oppressive glowering of the Nanny State, the seemingly righteous indignation full of sound and fury that in the end signifies nothing, the partisan divide that grows more impassable with every passing day—is not leading us anywhere good.

Certainly it's not leading to more freedom.

This draconian exercise in how to divide, conquer and subdue a nation is succeeding.

It must be said: the Black Lives Matter protests have not helped. Inadvertently or intentionally, these protests—tinged with mob violence,

rampant incivility, intolerance, and an arrogant disdain for how an should never have been open marketplace of ideas can advance freedom—have politicized what politicized: police brutality and the government's ongoing assaults on our freedoms.

For one brief moment in the wake of George Floyd's death, it seemed as if finally "we the people" might put aside our differences long enough to stand united in outrage over the government's brutality.

That sliver of unity didn't last.

We may be worse off now than we were before.

Suddenly, no one seems to be talking about any of the egregious governmental abuses that are still wreaking havoc on our freedoms: police shootings of unarmed individuals, invasive surveillance, roadside blood draws, roadside strip searches, SWAT team raids gone awry, the military industrial complex's costly wars, pork barrel spending, pre-crime laws, civil asset forfeiture, fusion centers, militarization, armed drones, smart policing carried out by AI robots, courts that march in lockstep with the police state, schools that function as indoctrination centers, bureaucrats that keep the Deep State in power.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

-- www.rutherford.org July 07, 2020

Michelle Malkin, Others Assaulted by Antifa at Pro-Police Rally in Denver

Conservative author Michelle Malkin and other activists were violently attacked by Antifa and Black Lives Matter supporters at a "Back the Blue" rally in Denver, Colorado, yesterday.

Video footage showed a masked Antifa thug wielding a baton. Malkin says that the lead organizer of the rally was beaten by an Antifa member wielding a longboard (a long skateboard).

In a statement, Ken Cuccinelli, acting deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security said,

"These tyrannical, left-wing anarchists hate free speech. If you do not agree with them, they believe you must be beaten down – literally."

"Physically I'm OK," said Malkin on *The Kuhner Report*. "I was manhandled, I was pushed ... I've held these types of rallies dozens of times, this is the first time that it got out of control, this is the first time that I witnessed violence within a foot of me."

"The so-called peaceful protesters will put women in the front line while they're coordinating the real bloody violence in the second line behind them."

"Even though police made a big show of coming out and at least pretending to try to keep the peace, a big man had a longboard, and I caught him on videotape... And within a minute of him coming on the stage, he beat the man who had organized this law enforcement appreciation day rally."

Malkin said she was "disgusted" with Denver police chief Paul Pazen, "who just a month ago was marching with Black Lives Matter, very representative of the very liberal SJW police chiefs, and yet this man refused to say that we would be protected for our rally yesterday, and I guess that's the bitter cruel irony many people are laughing about."

"Even and especially a rally to support police is not safe and will not be protected by police, and that is my big warning." --breitbart.com July 20, 2017

U.S. Army releases draft RFP for Bradley vehicle replacement

The U.S. Army on Friday issued a draft request for the design of its optionally manned fighting vehicle, or OMVF, to replace the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

The draft RFP, stated the goal: "To permit industry design freedom and promote innovation, the Army has avoided quantifying or prescribing critical levels of performance wherever possible."

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